

FISCAL NOTE

HB 318 - SB 1945

February 25, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Environment and Conservation to establish a regulatory program for chip mills and manufacturing facilities that use pulpwood or wood chips. Authorizes the Water Quality Control Board to hear appeals of applicants for permits. Establishes a non-reverting fund known as the Forest Conservation Regulatory Fund.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures:

\$16,800 One-Time/Forest Conservation Regulatory Fund

\$151,600 Recurring/Forest Conservation Regulatory Fund

Increase State Revenues:

\$16,800 One-Time/Forest Conservation Regulatory Fund

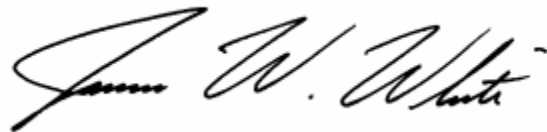
\$151,600 Recurring/Forest Conservation Regulatory Fund

Assumption:

- Permit fees would offset the one-time and other costs for resources and personnel by the Department of Environment and Conservation.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director